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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir,

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 10, 2010. This response is filed within the one month shortened statutory period, therefore, Applicants believe this response is timely filed and no fees are due. In the event any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

In the Office Action mailed March 10, 2010, Claims 1-26 were made subject to restriction. The claims were restricted into two groups:

Group I (claims 1-14 and 19-26) drawn to a method of isolating a high complexity nucleic acid molecule (claims 1-14) and a method of isolating a nucleic acid molecule (claims 19-26); and

Group II (claims 15-18) drawn to a kit for isolation of a nucleic acid fragment (claims 15 and 16), a DNA linker (claim 17), and a DNA primer (claim 18).

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, specifically claims 1-14 and 19-26, without traverse, while reserving the right to pursue the non-elected inventions in one or more divisional patent applications. By making this election, Applicants do not intend to abandon or to dedicate to the public any patentable subject matter.